27th Congress, 2d Session.

JOHN PEAK.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 534.]

JULY 21, 1842.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Peak, report:

That it appears by the statement of the petitioner that he served as a private soldier in the company of militia commanded by Captain Satchel Cooper, in the Territory which is now the State of Missouri, for the term of sixty days; that at different times during the war of 1812, after the expiration of his aforesaid term of service, he was called out to protect the settlements near Boon's Licks against the hostile Indians; that, in March, 1815, the Indians made an attack on said settlement, and in repulsing them he received four bullet wounds in his left arm and shoulder, from the effects of which he has never recovered.

The continued disability of the petitioner from the wounds aforesaid is fully proved by two respectable surgeons, who estimate his disability at three-fourths. The honorable W. O. Butler testifies that he is well acquainted with the petitioner, and that he sustains an excellent character; and that he knows that he still suffers from the wounds described

in the statement of the petitioner.

Stephen Cooper testifies to the truth of the petitioner's statement respecting the services rendered by the petitioner and the wounds re-

ceived by him.

General H. Dodge, the Delegate from Wiskonsan, who commanded the militia of that neighborhood during the war, testifies to the respectibility of the witness (Cooper) and to the general correctness of the petitioner's narrative of the events which he describes as having occurred in that vicinity.

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